

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

July 31, 1995

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

VIA FAX THEN U.S. MAIL

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RE: Standard Scrap/Chicago International Exporting Site Chicago, Illinois

Dear Messrs. Cohen, Chicago International Chicago, Inc. and Chicago International Exporting:

As you know, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has nearly completed its response action at the above referenced Site. However, U.S. EPA cannot complete its response action unless or until the PCB contaminated "copper fines" pile has been properly treated or disposed, according to the applicable regulations, as set forth in the Unilateral Administrative Order Docket No. V-W-94-C-249, and the underlying Action Memorandum, and Unilateral Administrative Order for access Docket No. V-W-94-C-266 ("Access Order").

On or about December 15, 1995, you requested that U.S. EPA consider alternative options for treatment/disposal of the PCB contaminated "copper fines". On or about December 27 and 28, 1994, U.S. EPA agreed to delay disposal of the "copper fines" until the end of the cleanup in order to provide you the opportunity to propose options for "recycling" the "copper fines". I indicated to you then that EPA found no facilities which could "recycle" the "copper fines", consistent with applicable regulations.

After several months of unsuccessful negotiations regarding disposition of the PCB contaminated "copper fines", the United States Attorney's Office, on behalf of U.S. EPA, indicated by letter to your counsel dated July 7, 1995, that you must treat/dispose of the PCB contaminated "copper fines", consistent with relevant regulations by no later than July 28, 1995. As set forth in the July 7, 1995, letter, your failure to treat/dispose

of the "copper fines", as described above, would result in U.S. EPA removing, or having removed, the PCB contaminated "copper fines" under its on-going removal order. To date, you have not implemented any of the options proposed by yourselves or U.S. EPA, and the PCB contaminated "copper fines" remain at the above referenced Site.

Accordingly, in order to abate the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, including the PCB contaminated "copper fines", at or from the above referenced Site, <u>U.S. EPA</u> hereby requests that you notify <u>U.S. EPA</u> of your intent to comply with the Access Order by providing <u>U.S. EPA</u>, and its authorized representatives, contractors and assigns, unrestricted access to the property located at 4004 through 4020 South Wentworth Street and 4000 through 4027 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois for purposes of responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances from the Site, as authorized by the underlying Action Memorandum, and to remove for disposal the PCB contaminated "copper fines", and conduct any other necessary response action authorized by the Action Memorandum, and described in the Access Order. <u>U.S. EPA</u> intends to begin such response actions on August 7, 1995.

Please provide the notice described above in writing, by facsimile or overnight express mail, to be received by U.S. EPA by no later than COB August 2, 1995.

As a reminder, failure to indicate your intent to comply with the Access Order shall be considered a denial of access and will be deemed a violation of the Access Order. As you know, under Section 104 of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675, failure to comply with the Access Order may subject you to civil penalties of not more than \$25,000 per day for each day of violation.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 353-9351, or Kurt N. Lindland, Assistant Regional Counsel at (312) 886-6831, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Paryan

On-Scene Coordinator

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